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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Warwick

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Major Projects and Fast Track Repairs. A chart summarizing Warwick School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$45,215,944 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$15,825,580):

Warwick:

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| i. | Cedar Hill Elementary | \$ 734,096 |
| ii. | Drum Rock Elementary | \$ 1,773,295 |
| iii. | Francis Elementary | \$ 2,340,312 |
| iv. | Greenwood Elementary | \$ 2,048,620 |
| v. | Holliman Elementary | \$ 772,042 |
| vi. | Hoxsie Elementary | \$ 1,917,918 |
| vii. | Lippitt Elementary | \$ 2,709,082 |
| viii. | Norwood Elementary | \$ 1,602,361 |
| ix. | Oakland Beach Elementary | \$ 1,999,027 |

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| x. | Park Elementary | \$ 732,146 |
| xi. | Robertson Elementary | \$ 2,170,875 |
| xii. | Scott Elementary | \$ 749,242 |
| xiii. | Sherman Elementary | \$ 1,845,304 |
| xiv. | Warwick Neck Elementary | \$ 760,028 |
| xv. | Wyman Elementary | \$ 1,251,893 |
| xvi. | Warwick Veteran's Middle | \$ 2,012,352 |
| xvii. | Winman Middle | \$ 1,340,856 |
| xviii. | Warwick Career Tech | \$ 520,812 |
| xix. | Pilgrim High | \$11,496,130 |
| xx. | Toll Gate High | \$ 6,439,553 |

SUMMARY: FY 2018 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

| WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT | BRIEF DESCRIPTION | JUSTIFICATION | FY 2018 AID SHARE RATIO* | ESTIMATED PROJECT COST | STATE SHARE | STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST** |
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| Districtwide Fast Track Repairs | This project will address repairs at Warwick School District's Cedar Hill Elementary, Drum Rock Elementary, Francis Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, Holliman Elementary, Hoxsie Elementary, Lippitt Elementary, Norwood Elementary, Oakland Beach Elementary, Park Elementary, Robertson Elementary, Scott Elementary, Sherman Elementary, Warwick Neck Elementary, Wyman Elementary, Warwick Veteran's Middle, Winman Middle, Warwick Career Tech, Pilgrim High, and Toll Gate High School. | This project includes health and safety improvements, including building envelope repairs, HVAC repairs, fire safety improvements, security projects, site repairs, electrical upgrades, educational program improvements, ADA compliance, hazardous materials abatement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety. | 35% | \$40,000,000 (Bond) | \$14,000,000 | \$19,880,000 |
| | | | | \$5,215,944 (Capital Reserve) | \$1,825,580 | \$1,825,580 |

* State share ratio is based on FY2018 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonus incentives.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. Warwick intends to pay for projects out of both bond proceeds and capital reserve funds as detailed above.